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Dear Ms. Shalala:

As a dietitian/nutritionist, I am horrified to see the nuclear power industry intruding into the food production and treatment in this country.

It is established that radiation causes chemical changes and molecular mutations, resulting in carcinogens.

Therefore, it is mandatory that irradiated foods be clearly and unmistakably labeled as such, for all to understand.

As of today, we can not know which fruits and vegetables are irradiated, forcing the public to buy expensive produce in health food stores.

Please strengthen labeling requirements and do not succumb to the pressures of agri-business and the nuclear-power industry.

This is a most serious issue!! How can the FDA approve irradiation as a "food additive"!!

Please respond. Thank you —

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